otherwise, a peon may be appointed to come to our houses and receive money from us. This sort of centralization must go if we must have any convenience.

Mr. S. K. Narasimhaiya.—Meter charge in Bangalore is about two rupees, but in Madras, it is only one rupee and in Lahore, only eight annas.

First Member of Council.—We shall consider about that and do the needful.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—We wish to know the reasons for enhancing rates. And we also must know whether the income was more formerly or not, and whether the enhancement of rates has resulted in any increase in income. For, if there is more income, additional taxation is not justified. If, on the other hand, income has gone down, we would like to know the reasons for that also. We have serious doubts in these matters and wish to know full particulars.

First Member of Council.—I will give you these particulars.

Mr. Narasimhaiya.—We wish to have a statement giving all these particulars before the next Session and till this is furnished the enhanced rates should be kept in abeyance.

First Member of Council.—We shall consider these points. You will, of course, take into consideration the cost of the department, cost of machinery, etc. A reply will be given in due course.

TECHNICAL.

RAILWAYS.

(No. 88.)

SUBJECT No. 88.

Stoppage of Mail Trains at all stations between Mysore and Arsikere.

Mr. Lingegowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Mr. Lingegowda.—The Mail Trains running between Mysore and Arsikere may be arranged to be stopped in all the intermediate stations till arrangements are made to run three trains daily, as great inconvenience is now being felt by the residents of the villages of these parts.

First and Second Members of Council.—Mail Trains cannot stop at all the intermediate stations. You had only one train originally and now you have extra service. We do not think there is any reason for complaint now.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

(Nos. 89 to 91.)

SUBJECT No. 89.

Extension of franchise to women.

Messrs. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, S. K. Narasimhaiya and B. V. Krishna Iyengar, Bangalore City Municipality.

Note.—By special premission, a few ladies were present at the Assembly to watch the discussion on this subject.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—It is a well recognised principle that the service of God consists in the service